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TAGS: SNAR, TH
SUBJ: NARCOTICS - UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL
(UNFDAC) PROGRAM IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 8531 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES COMPREHENSIVE REPORT REFTEL ON DISCUSSIONS WITH MICUTA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, ON STATUS RTG-UNFDAC DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM.
 2. WE HAVE MISGIVINGS, HOWEVER, CONCERNING MICUTA SUGGESTION THAT "GIVEN FACT THAT UN COULD NOT HIRE DIRECTLY PEOPLE FROM GRC SINCE IT WAS NOT MEMBER OF UN, HE HOPED THAT US COULD FIND SOME PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH IT COULD ACT AS 'COVER' FOR ADDITIONAL TECHNICIANS FROM TAIWAN WORKING WITH THAI/UNFDAC."
 3. SINCE UNFDAC IS VOLUNTARY FUND WHICH REQUIRES CONTRIBUTIONS FROM UN MEMBER STATES TO FINANCE ITS PROGRAMS, WE DOUBT ADVISABILITY OF ITS EMPLOYING PERSONNEL OF STATE
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WHICH IS NON-MEMBER OF UN IN CASE WHERE SUCH EMPLOYMENT,
IF PUBLICIZED, COULD ANTAGONIZE SOME OTHER UN MEMBERS.

4. WE THEREFORE DO NOT FAVOR RENDERING ASSISTANCE IN MAN-
NER ENVISAGED BY MICUTA BUT AS ALTERNATIVE WOULD URGE SEEK-
ING QUALIFIED PERSONNEL FROM UN MEMBER COUNTRIES OR

INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

5. FROM STANDPOINT OF DEVELOPING PERMANENT POOL OF EXPER-
TISE IN THAILAND, IT WOULD APPEAR MOST DESIRABLE TO SEEK
EMPLOY THAI NATIONALS WITH APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS, PER-
HAPS GRADUATES OF KASETSART OR CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITIES.
IF NONE AVAILABLE, OTHER SOURCES MIGHT INCLUDE

A. INTERNATIONAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (IRRI)
LOS BANYOS
THE PHILIPPINES

B. INTERNATIONAL CROP RESEARCH INSTITUTE:
SEMI-ARID, TROPICS (ICRISAT)
HYDERABAD, INDIA

C. COLOMBO PLAN DRUG ADVISER, PIO ABARRO, HAS TRAV-
ELED EXTENSIVELY IN AREA AND MIGHT HAVE USEFUL LEADS ON
POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES (ADDRESS: COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU, 12,
MELBOURNE AVENUE, P.O. BOX 596, COLOMBO 4, SRI LANKA).

D. US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS TECHNICAL EXPERTS
AVAILABLE WHO COULD BE EMPLOYED BY RTG/UNFDAC PROGRAM.

6. FOR GENEVA: MISSION REQUESTED CONVEY VIEWS INFORMALLY
TO UNFDAC IN RESPONSE TO MICUTA SUGGESTION.

7. FOR BANGKOK: EMBASSY MAY AT ITS DISCRETION CONVEY US
VIEWS TO UNFDAC OFFICIALS.

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